



Memorandum

Date: September 24, 1996

To: CALFED Management Team

From: Lester A. Snow
Steve Yaeger

Subject: CALFED Agency Participation in the Large Diversion Screening Team

The feasibility of large scale diversions (greater than 3,000 cfs) is a major technical challenge which must be addressed for both Alternative 2 and Alternative 3 of the Bay-Delta Program.

IEP has, for several years, maintained a team which has examined the technical issues which pertain to fish screens for large diversions off the Sacramento River and other locations in the Delta. In anticipation of the need to address this screening issue we have, for some time, been in discussions with IEP about using their standing technical team to perform this analysis for the Bay-Delta Program. They have agreed to accept this assignment on our behalf and have prepared the attached workplan which proposes that the main technical work be pursued under the direction of Randy Brown and Perry Herrgesell, of IEP, with technical direction provided by Darryl Hayes and Dan Odenweller. They will be assisted by a multi-agency team of experts.

To date, the IEP team has primarily consisted of Department of Fish and Game and Department of Water Resources experts. This is a result of the time commitments of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NMFS screening experts to issues related to CVPIA. For the Bay-Delta Program effort on screening to be successful, we believe that it needs to be a multi-agency CALFED effort. To that end, we have identified a list of agency experts both at the regional level and the national level to add to the DFG and DWR members of the current IEP team. We propose that the team of regional experts meet weekly or bi-weekly to review the progress of the IEP technical team. The team of national-level experts would be convened quarterly to provide "blue ribbon" peer review.

I have attached the list of proposed agency experts for your review. At the September 25 Management Team meeting we would like to discuss the mechanism for securing the services of these regional and national level agency experts.

Attachments:

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Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
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